



Southern Georgia

Local Workforce Area



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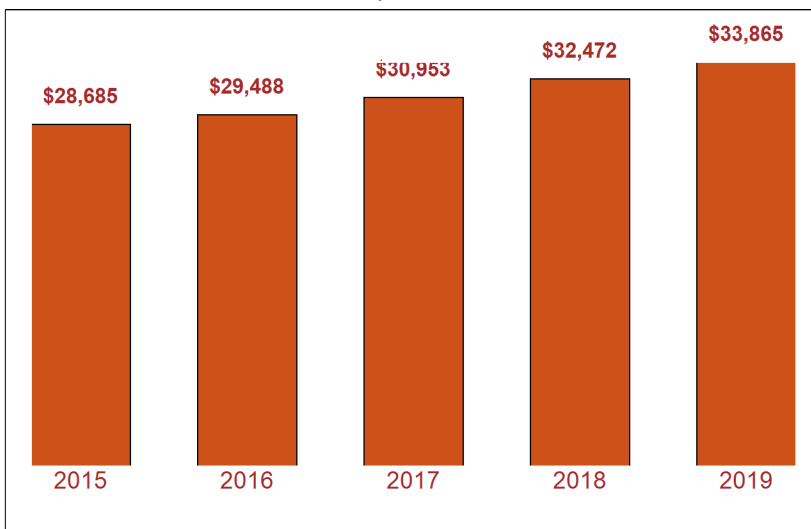
Super Sector Industries

	Establishments			Employment			Weekly Wage		
	2019	2020	% Change	2019	2020	% Change	2019	2020	% Change
Construction	660	696	5.5%	6,545	6,369	-2.7%	982	925	-5.8%
Education and Health Services	907	950	4.7%	14,454	13,500	-6.6%	757	821	8.5%
Financial Activities	843	799	-5.2%	4,573	4,504	-1.5%	885	902	1.9%
Information	84	86	2.4%	2,128	1,894	-11.0%	738	813	10.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	784	830	5.9%	16,000	14,433	-9.8%	279	295	5.7%
Manufacturing	402	417	3.7%	18,240	17,645	-3.3%	813	848	4.3%
Natural Resources, Mining, and Agriculture	417	444	6.5%	4,635	4,326	-6.7%	697	755	8.3%
Other Services	516	549	6.4%	3,243	3,052	-5.9%	539	594	10.2%
Professional and Business Services	947	1,001	5.7%	9,878	9,668	-2.1%	689	734	6.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,323	2,422	4.3%	32,303	32,397	0.3%	667	716	7.3%
Unclassified	270	299	10.7%	232	178	-23.3%	736	750	1.9%
Government	614	617	0.5%	31,483	30,794	-2.2%	783	815	4.1%
Total	8,767	9,110	3.9%	143,712	138,762	-3.4%	699	738	5.6%

Note: All figures are 3rd Quarter of 2019 and 2020.

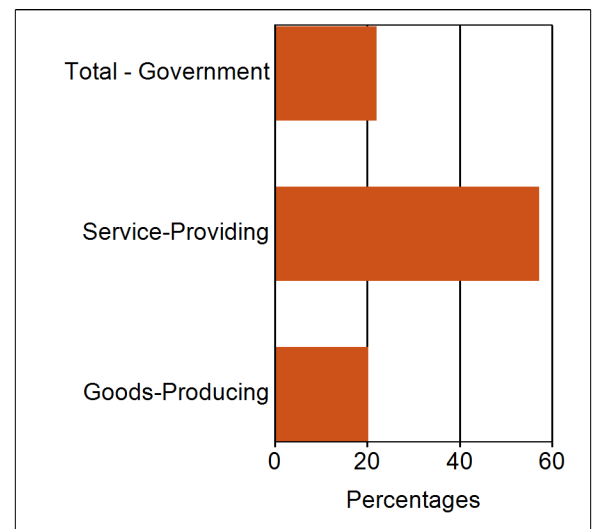
Southern Georgia Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Southern Georgia Industry Mix 2020

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



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Industry Mix - 3rd Quarter of 2020

	Number OF Firms	Employment		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods-Producing	1,557	28,339	20.4	851
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	437	4,078	2.9	736
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	248	0.2	1,068
Construction	696	6,369	4.6	925
Manufacturing	417	17,645	12.7	848
Apparel	2	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	7	283	0.2	779
Chemical	23	535	0.4	1,044
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	8	232	0.2	1,450
Fabricated Metal Product	66	2,155	1.6	858
Food	41	2,524	1.8	757
Furniture and Related Product	22	555	0.4	735
Machinery	21	877	0.6	986
Miscellaneous	18	170	0.1	792
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	22	521	0.4	928
Paper	14	885	0.6	1,255
Petroleum and Coal Products	3	47	0.0	1,010
Plastics and Rubber Products	23	1,186	0.9	836
Primary Metal	5	236	0.2	968
Printing and Related Support Activities	28	105	0.1	604
Textile Mills	7	471	0.3	685
Textile Product Mills	13	382	0.3	653
Transportation Equipment	29	2,457	1.8	816
Wood Product	64	3,998	2.9	792
Service-Providing	6,637	79,449	57.3	667
Utilities	35	686	0.5	1,341
Wholesale Trade	438	6,094	4.4	939
Retail Trade	1,644	18,008	13.0	561
Transportation and Warehousing	305	7,609	5.5	845
Information	86	1,894	1.4	813
Finance and Insurance	488	3,028	2.2	984
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	311	1,476	1.1	732
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	579	2,652	1.9	1,004
Management of Companies and Enterprises	31	516	0.4	1,124
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	391	6,500	4.7	593
Educational Services	44	566	0.4	555
Health Care and Social Assistance	906	12,934	9.3	833
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	84	1,014	0.7	308
Accommodation and Food Services	746	13,419	9.7	294
Other Services (except Public Administration)	549	3,052	2.2	593
Unclassified - industry not assigned	299	178	0.1	751
Total - Private Sector	8,493	107,966	77.8	716
Total - Government	617	30,796	22.2	815
Federal Government	143	2,003	1.4	897
State Government	240	7,237	5.2	813
Local Government	234	21,556	15.5	808
ALL INDUSTRIES	9,110	138,762	100.0	738

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 3rd Quarter of 2020.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

Labor Force Activity

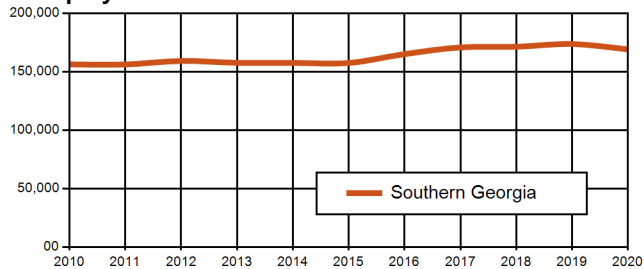
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Rate		
	2019	2020	% Change	2019	2020	% Change	2019	2020	% Change	2019	2020	% Change
Atkinson	4,562	4,434	-2.8%	4,415	4,262	-3.5%	147	172	17.0%	3.2%	3.9%	21.9%
Bacon	4,957	4,652	-6.2%	4,774	4,425	-7.3%	183	227	24.0%	3.7%	4.9%	32.4%
Ben Hill	5,458	5,460	0.0%	5,154	5,083	-1.4%	304	377	24.0%	5.6%	6.9%	23.2%
Berrien	7,593	7,405	-2.5%	7,281	6,977	-4.2%	312	428	37.2%	4.1%	5.8%	41.5%
Brantley	7,250	6,995	-3.5%	6,943	6,618	-4.7%	307	377	22.8%	4.2%	5.4%	28.6%
Brooks	6,879	6,842	-0.5%	6,639	6,488	-2.3%	240	354	47.5%	3.5%	5.2%	48.6%
Charlton	4,918	4,842	-1.5%	4,728	4,660	-1.4%	190	182	-4.2%	3.9%	3.8%	-2.6%
Clinch	2,821	2,943	4.3%	2,715	2,826	4.1%	106	117	10.4%	3.8%	4.0%	5.3%
Coffee	19,232	18,938	-1.5%	18,472	17,835	-3.4%	760	1,103	45.1%	4.0%	5.8%	45.0%
Cook	8,165	8,102	-0.8%	7,885	7,718	-2.1%	280	384	37.1%	3.4%	4.7%	38.2%
Echols	1,912	1,899	-0.7%	1,858	1,825	-1.8%	54	74	37.0%	2.8%	3.9%	39.3%
Irwin	3,403	3,467	1.9%	3,243	3,276	1.0%	160	191	19.4%	4.7%	5.5%	17.0%
Lanier	3,781	3,723	-1.5%	3,627	3,529	-2.7%	154	194	26.0%	4.1%	5.2%	26.8%
Lowndes	51,690	51,599	-0.2%	49,820	48,484	-2.7%	1,870	3,115	66.6%	3.6%	6.0%	66.7%
Pierce	8,694	8,500	-2.2%	8,390	8,115	-3.3%	304	385	26.6%	3.5%	4.5%	28.6%
Tift	20,323	20,500	0.9%	19,638	19,463	-0.9%	685	1,037	51.4%	3.4%	5.1%	50.0%
Turner	3,222	3,264	1.3%	3,098	3,028	-2.3%	124	236	90.3%	3.8%	7.2%	89.5%
Ware	15,507	15,284	-1.4%	14,922	14,432	-3.3%	585	852	45.6%	3.8%	5.6%	47.4%
Southern Georgia Local Workforce Development Area	180,367	178,849	-0.8%	173,602	169,044	-2.6%	6,765	9,805	44.9%	3.8%	5.5%	44.7%
Georgia	5,148,312	5,072,155	-1.5%	4,966,157	4,741,191	-4.5%	182,155	330,964	81.7%	3.5%	6.5%	85.7%
United States	163,539,000	160,742,000	-1.7%	157,538,000	147,795,000	-6.2%	6,001,000	12,947,000	115.7%	3.7%	8.1%	118.9%

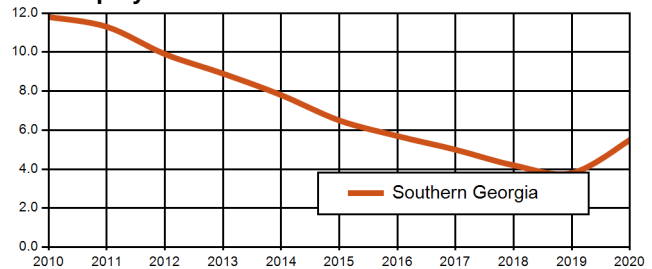
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

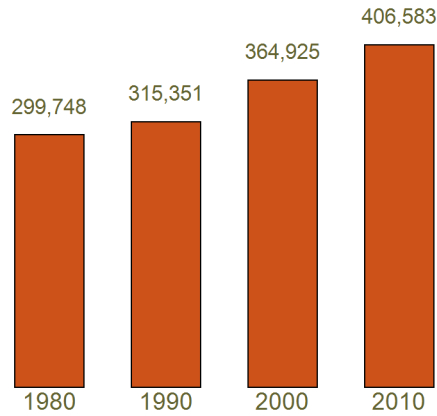
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2019 Rank	2019 Estimate	% Change 2010-2019	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Atkinson	8,375		8,165	-2.5	7,826	-6.6
Bacon	11,096		11,164	0.6	11,404	2.8
Ben Hill	17,634		16,700	-5.3	16,633	-5.7
Berrien	19,286		19,397	0.6	19,321	0.2
Brantley	18,411		19,109	3.8	20,689	12.4
Brooks	16,243		15,457	-4.8	15,728	-3.2
Charlton	12,171		13,392	10.0	13,630	12.0
Clinch	6,798		6,618	-2.6	6,485	-4.6
Coffee	42,356		43,273	2.2	43,533	2.8
Cook	17,212		17,270	0.3	18,097	5.1
Echols	4,034		4,006	-0.7	4,115	2.0
Irwin	9,538		9,416	-1.3	9,186	-3.7
Lanier	10,078		10,423	3.4	10,369	2.9
Lowndes	109,233		117,406	7.5	123,680	13.2
Pierce	18,758		19,465	3.8	19,952	6.4
Tift	40,118		40,644	1.3	41,495	3.4
Turner	8,930		7,985	-10.6	7,834	-12.3
Ware	36,312		35,734	-1.6	35,476	-2.3
Southern Georgia	406,583		415,624	2.2	425,453	4.6

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

Top Employers - 2020*

TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Southern Georgia

Chaparral Boats, Inc.
 Coffee Regional Medical Center, Inc.
 Georgia Department of Corrections
 Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
 Target
 The Cobalt Group, Inc.
 The Home Depot
 Valdosta State University
 Walmart

*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2020. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

SIZE CLASS

Employees	Establishments	Employment
0 - 4	4,906	7,488
5 - 9	1,695	11,207
10 - 19	1,120	15,199
20 - 49	856	25,798
50 - 99	302	21,059
100 - 249	175	26,840
250 - 499	38	12,626
500 - 999	14	10,060
1000 - and over	4	6,939
Total	9,110	137,216

Note: Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2020.

Education of the Labor Force

Southern Georgia

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	7.4%	2.9%	5.1%	5.4%	6.4%	18.4%
Some High School	16.2%	20.4%	15.9%	13.1%	15.3%	18.1%
High School Grad/GED	36.5%	36.7%	32.5%	38.3%	38.2%	35.3%
Some College	21.3%	32.1%	23.9%	21.3%	18.5%	13.8%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.2%	4.2%	7.9%	7.9%	6.6%	3.3%
College Grad 4 Yr	7.5%	3.6%	10.1%	8.5%	8.1%	6.3%
Post Graduate Studies	4.8%	0.2%	4.5%	5.5%	6.9%	4.8%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. Some College category represents workers with some college with no degree less than two years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2020

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Atkinson	117	--	117
Bacon	117	--	117
Ben Hill	176	--	176
Berrien	184	--	184
Brantley	240	--	240
Brooks	125	--	125
Charlton	89	--	89
Clinch	97	--	97
Coffee	428	--	428
Cook	202	--	202
Echols	43	--	43
Irwin	116	--	116
Lanier	98	--	98
Lowndes	1,058	--	1,058
Pierce	247	--	247
Tift	520	--	520
Turner	84	--	84
Ware	314	--	314
Southern Georgia	4,255	--	4,255



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2020 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Southern Georgia Local Workforce Development Area

Tift

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

www.abac.edu

Ware

Coastal Pines Technical College

www.coastalpines.edu

Lowndes

Georgia Military College (Valdosta Campus)

www.gmc.edu/about-gmc/valdosta-campus.cms

Valdosta State University

www.valdosta.edu

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

www.wiregrass.edu

Coffee

South Georgia State College

www.sgc.edu

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2020*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	142	104	106	-26.8	1.9
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	36	29	28	-19.4	-3.4
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	13	23	3	76.9	-87.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	24	22	25	-8.3	13.6
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	118	96	167	-18.6	74.0
Business Administration and Management, General°	54	67	46	24.1	-31.3
Child Care and Support Services Management°	12	1	6	-91.7	500.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	169	126	125	-25.4	-0.8
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology°	17	16	17	-5.9	6.3
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	32	22	26	-31.3	18.2
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	58	60	80	3.4	33.3
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	20	17	5	-15.0	-70.6
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	293	445	358	51.9	-19.6
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	255	151	153	-40.8	1.3
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	6	4	10	-33.3	150.0
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	16	114	47	612.5	-58.8
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	24	26	23	8.3	-11.5
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	45	27	38	-40.0	40.7
Dental Assisting/Assistant	8	5	8	-37.5	60.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	8	9	1	12.5	-88.9
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	51	59	48	15.7	-18.6
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician	1	1	5	0.0	400.0

Technical College Graduates - 2020*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	29	46	25	58.6	-45.7
Electrician°	10	14	19	40.0	35.7
Electromechanical and Instrumentation and Maintenance Technologies/Technicians,°	1	1	2	0.0	100.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	98	162	49	65.3	-69.8
Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician°	2	1	2	-50.0	100.0
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	25	11	9	-56.0	-18.2
Fire Services Administration	1	1	3	0.0	200.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	35	21	54	-40.0	157.1
Game and Interactive Media Design	7	6	6	-14.3	0.0
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	13	22	22	69.2	0.0
Graphic Design°	1	6	11	500.0	83.3
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	62	50	50	-19.4	0.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology°	185	101	93	-45.4	-7.9
Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology/Technician°	7	11	7	57.1	-36.4
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	239	162	160	-32.2	-1.2
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	154	141	112	-8.4	-20.6
Lineworker°	60	38	34	-36.7	-10.5
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	20	10	28	-50.0	180.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	11	7	2	-36.4	-71.4
Medical/Clinical Assistant	41	29	23	-29.3	-20.7
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	29	43	47	48.3	9.3
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	324	310	264	-4.3	-14.8
Optometric Technician/Assistant°	6	7	1	16.7	-85.7
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	3	10	6	233.3	-40.0
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	70	67	64	-4.3	-4.5
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	4	3	4	-25.0	33.3
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	35	41	40	17.1	-2.4
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	6	11	9	83.3	-18.2
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	10	11	15	10.0	36.4
Surgical Technology/Technologist°	26	18	6	-30.8	-66.7
Surveying Technology/Surveying°	10	6	10	-40.0	66.7
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	223	204	164	-8.5	-19.6

Technical College Graduates - 2020*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Welding Technology/Welder°	500	648	517	29.6	-20.2

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

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